

The Amoor River Country.

We find the following interesting information in the Russian settlement on the Amoor river, in the Washington Union. It is extracted from a letter from Russia. We have a peculiar settlement here, for when it grows in this settlement, its supplies will have to be drawn from the West (San Francisco). We believe that some of the Russian settlements in relation to this matter have already been made to our government by Russia.

Neschuk is now the head of navigation on the Amoor river, and a government steamer plies between this point and the mouth of the Amoor. This is a fortified town of some two thousand inhabitants, at or near the mouth of the Amoor. As I understand, it is the place to which Russian Pacific fleet retired during the recent war. This port lies without the mouth of the Amoor river, in a favorable and sheltered position, and capable of making a stout resistance. The water, but southward, at the bay of Castries, is plenty of water for any vessel. There is a small settlement of some three hundred persons at this point, whence to the Amoor there is a line of military posts. This information is not given with implicit confidence, but it is rather.

Montchoon is interesting, if not now important, as the ancient seat of Tartar prowess under the Khan, and the country whence issued the conquerors of China. Nature has done much for the country, but it wants development. During the last year, and the one previous, gold fields were discovered in the country east of lake Baikal, to the south and east of Iskoutshe. As there are five to ten thousand men have been working in these fields during the last summer.

The government is not yet prepared, as I understand, to open the Amoor to indiscriminate commerce, or to European exploration.

Take the immense extent of territory now under the dominion of Russia, to which there is a parallel in the history of the world, and it presents a field in which the grandest ideas may be practically into execution, the sovereign power being in the hands of one man, having the head to give vast designs, and the will to put them into execution.

That the waters of Lake Baikal can be connected with the Amoor, I think there is no doubt, and this opens the very heart of Siberia to our Pacific commerce. My idea is, that a railroad of a hundred miles will connect the two systems of rivers, and give a continuous line of communication between the waters of the Pacific and the icy sea; this with a few steamers on Lake Baikal, Yenisei, the Sena, the Ob, the Amoor, and their tributaries, would advance the trade and commerce of those countries a thousand-fold in years, and realize more to commerce and civilization than the discovery of the North-west passage to India.

This route, if opened with steam upon those Siberian rivers, would realize, in fact, a northern passage to India, through which an immense trade might eventually flow, for with steam summer waters of the icy ocean would be available for some months each year. Now the current which flows to Archangel must weather the North Cape in about 71 deg. N. latitude, while the headlands of the Ob are only about 72 deg. those of the Yenisei would be within 73 deg. latitude; then, while Archangel is in about 64 deg. Obdorsk, the mouth of the Ob, is 66 deg. of the Yenisei is little above 72 deg. Thus it will be perceived that the difference is not very great, and with steam the passage to the Ob would be much more readily accomplished than by now to Archangel. Thus, with the passage opened from the north of the Amoor, an inland route could be obtained by steam the whole distance from ocean to ocean, some four thousand miles direct, and the different lines of navigation available by this common artery would be multiplied three or four times that sum, for the rivers of Siberia form a kind of net work over the face of the country, and are easily made available short cuts from one to the other, giving a very useful system of inland navigation.

The uses to which cotton may be put are generally unknown here, and the hitherto close monopoly which the English capitalists have been able to hold over the introduction of the staple retarded its more liberal consumption and retarded its use.

Ornithological Strangers.

While we were riding slowly we saw some white birds on a hill before us. We could not make them out distinctly, and resorted to the spy-glass. "Sheep," said one, "Cattle," said the other. "We rode on we slowly approached," "Yes," said one, "Decidedly not sheep," said the other. Suddenly one of the objects raises a long neck and head. "Llamas or alpacas," "More birds, I think," "Then all the objects raise their heads, and begin to walk away upon two legs. What? ostriches? Yes, ostriches, or something known to my eye." We were now within four or five hundred yards of them. Suddenly they spread wings, stretched out their necks, and ran away. They were very large white birds, with black-edged wings, and very long necks and legs. They must have been a species of crane, very much magnified by a refraction of the atmosphere.—A Journey through Texas.

Why is a muffin like a chrysalis? Because it is a kind of grub that makes the butter-fly.

GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

TOBACCO! CIGARS AND SNUFFS!

J. STEWARD RESPECTFULLY INFORMS his friends and the public generally, that he has now on hand an extensive assortment of the above articles, all of the choicest brands. He will always have on sale as complete a stock as is procurable in the market. He offers the following articles, all of the first quality, on reasonable terms:

Anderson's Solace,
Buffalo Chips,
Citron,
Morning Glory,
J. Patrick & Co.'s Diamond P.
Honey Dew,
Golden Leaf,
Luscious Luxury,
Natural Leaf,
Richmond 8's,
Varina's Canister,
Spanish Mixed,
Aromatic,
Let her Rip,
Manila Cigars No. 2, twist ends,
Cheroots,
Havana Cigars in fancy boxes,
Fancy Snuffs, etc.

ALSO—A General Assortment of GROCERIES
Hotel street, near the French Hotel. 8-3m*

Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED BEING ABOUT TO leave this Kingdom for a few months, informs the public that the Department of Public Instruction will be left, during his absence, in the care of His Royal Highness Prince Kamehameha, and the Hon. E. H. Allen, Directors of the Board of Education, the latter acting as President of the same.

He has also appointed His Excellency R. C. Wyllie, and Sam'l N. Castle, Esq., as his attorneys. The undersigned has also, by power of attorney, appointed M. B. Beck with as attorney for E. G. Beckwith, during his absence from the Islands.

R. ARMSTRONG.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
Honolulu, June 22, 1857. } 8-tf

Notice.

ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the herds of Wild Cattle belonging to his Majesty and the Government, running in the districts of Hilo, Hamakua, and South Kohala, and between Maunakea and Maunaloa, in the island of Hawaii, have been this day sold to Mr. E. P. Adams. By order of the Minister of the Interior.

S. SPENCER, Chf. Clerk.

Honolulu, April 22, 1857. } 51-tf

CARDS OF SIGNALS
for the
Marine Telegraph. For sale at the Post Office
Price \$1. } 7-tf

English Hops.

FOR SALE by the Agents of the Hudson's Bay Company—
4 packets BEST ENGLISH HOPS. 45-tf

M. M. WEBSTER'S LIVERY STABLES, Beretania street, adjoining the Commercial Hotel. The above establishment is provided with superior Saddle and Carriage Horses, to be let by the hour, day or week. Horses taken on Livery, and the best of grooming, food and attention furnished. The services of a competent Veterinarian & Farrier, are engaged, and the proprietor invites those who are fond of equestrian exercises to try his Horses and judge for themselves. Ladies and Gentlemen wishing their horses sent to their residences, will please notify the hour and equipment, either at the above establishment or at the Commercial Hotel.

M. M. WEBSTER. 25-tf

Stoves! Stoves!

A COMPLETE VARIETY of Family Cooking Stoves, comprising Nos. 3 & 4 "Roger Williams" pattern; Nos. 5, 6, 6 1-2, 7 & 8 "Fanny Forrester" pattern; Cabin Stoves, ship's Cambooses, best style, patented 1855. ALSO—Fixtures and Pipes complete for all the above Stoves.

For sale low by J. C. SPALDING.
Honolulu, Aug. 27, 1856. 17-tf

PRESERVED TAMARINDS.

PRESERVED TAMARINDS for sale, price 50 cts. per pound. Enquire at the National Hotel, of JOSEPH BOOTH. 41-tf

Gin.

GIN—14 hf. pipes superior Hollands Gin. "Pine Apple" brand. Just received and for sale low, by J. C. SPALDING.
Honolulu, Aug. 27, 1856. 17-tf

New Flower and Garden Seeds!

JUST RECEIVED FROM GERMANY, PER "Kauai."
ED. HOFFSCHLAGER & STAPENHORST.
52-tf

TARRED ROPE, Manila Rope; Canvas, Paint and Boiled Oil, for sale by ROBERT C. JANION 47-tf

Removal.

THE OFFICE OF THE HAWAIIAN FLOUR Company has been removed to the Counting-Room over that of B. W. Field.
J. F. B. MARSHALL, Agent.
May 15, 1857. 2-tf

GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

JOSEPH FALLON,

Importer and dealer in Wines, Liquors and Cigars,
LAHAINA, MAUI.

BEGS RESPECTFULLY to inform his friends and the resident public generally, also Masters and Officers of vessels visiting Lahaina, that he has made arrangements to receive regularly from the United States and England, choice assortments of very best qualities of the above articles. His stock at present comprises—

Pure London Dock Martell Brandy;
Otard, Dupuy & Co.'s Brandy;
American do., for shipping, in 5 and 10 gal. pkgs;
Old Monongahela Whisky,
Holland Gin, in cases, kegs and demijohns;
Sherry and Port Wines, Claret do., Champagne;
Porter and Ale, in casks and cases.
ALSO—Manila Cigars and Cheroots; Havana do., and a complete assortment of the articles usually found in similar establishments in Europe and the U. States.

N. B. Particular attention paid to putting up Stores for shipping.
Lahaina, February 27th, 1857. 43-9m

SPECIAL NOTICE.

QUIT DRINKING POISONOUS LIQUORS!
PATENT IMPROVED PROCESS for making all kinds of Liquors and Vinegar instantly by the use of

Lacour's Essential Oils.

These Oils are obtained by Distillation at the Chemical Laboratory, Parish of Jefferson, of Pierre Lacour, author of Lacour's Chemical Analysis, Lacour's Chemical Manipulations, Lacour on the Manufacture of Liquors, &c.

Purchasers are particularly requested to return the flasks and obtain their money, if the Oil does not give perfect satisfaction.

Lacour's Oil of Cognac converts neutral spirit to a superior imitation of Imported Brandy, viz: Otard, Sazarae, Marek Cognac, Poultney, Selnet, United Vineyard Proprietors, Castillon and London Dock Brandy. These liquors will have a full fruity flavor and a beautiful, sparkling color. Common Rectified Whisky will be changed by the use of the Oil of Cognac to New York Brandy, Pine Apple Brandy, common Cognac Brandy, &c.

Lacour's Oil of Rye changes Rectified Whisky to Monongahela Rye Whisky, Old Virginia Malt Whisky, Bourbon Whisky, &c.

Oil of Cedar changes common Rectified Whisky to Old Irish Malt Whisky, and a superior article of Scotch Whisky.

Oil of Peach changes common Whisky to Virginia Peach Brandy, &c. Oil of Peach and Oil of Cognac will convert common Whisky to Apple Brandy.

Oil of Gin converts the poorest Whisky to Holland Gin, Schiedam Schnapps, Rose Gin, Swan Gin, English Gin, &c.

Lacour's Concentrated Acid will, in five hours after being mixed, change five gallons of good Vinegar and twenty-five gallons of water to thirty gallons of the most acid Vinegar that can be found in the market. By the use of Lacour's Concentrated Acid, vinegar can be made for one dollar and sixty cents per barrel.

For making Liquors Lacour's Oils require no preparation—only pour the oil into the whisky and shake well. The liquors thus made will have a fine natural aroma, a full, rich, oily taste; a beautiful transparent color and a fine head. Lacour's Oils exert three distinct properties in converting common whisky to brandy, gin, &c. The first property combines with and subsides in the form of flocculent particles the whole of the grain oil (Amylic Alcohol). The whisky is thus deprived of that peculiar irritating and burning taste, and becomes a neutral spirit; the second property consists in an oily mucilaginous taste imparted to the liquor, which renders it mellow, and imparts an appearance of great age; the third property is exhibited in the rich vinous, nutty odor that is imparted to the liquor, which renders distinction from the genuine brands impossible.

These oils are put up in quart flasks; each flask contains sufficient oil for making three hundred gallons of liquor. Full and comprehensive directions accompany the bottles. Price, \$2 per bottle.

For sale at the corner of St. Charles and Poydras streets, New Orleans.

One bottle of these oils, five in number, will be securely packed and shipped, with bill of lading, to any part of the country, upon the receipt of \$10, to the address of P. LACOUR, New Orleans.

Purchasers are requested, as a guarantee of good faith, to furnish us the name of any house in New Orleans, and we will ship them a package of the Oils. If they do not perform all that is claimed for them, they will cost nothing. 44-1y

Notice to Liquor Dealers and Merchants.

A COMPLETE assortment of the Oils necessary for making and flavoring every variety of liquor, and directions for making Cider without apples, and for converting the Cider to all kinds of white and red Wines, Champagne, &c., and a package of the articles used for giving ARTIFICIAL STRENGTH to liquors (converting 70 gallons of Whisky to 100 gallons) and every article necessary to commence a LIQUOR STORE, will be furnished for \$25. Also, all the information necessary to conduct such an establishment, thus enabling the new beginner to successfully compete with the oldest liquor dealers. Address through the Post Office, P. LACOUR, New Orleans.

Lacour's Concentrated Acid for making VINEGAR, is put up in 2 gallon packages at \$5 per package—in good shipping order. 44-1y

Billiard Table for Sale!

BILLIARD TABLE, in good order, with all the appurtenances complete. Inquire at the National Hotel, of (38-tf) JOSEPH BOOTH.

GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. R. BOND & CO.,

Pastry Cooks & Ornamental Confectioners,
BEG TO INFORM THEIR FRIENDS AND the public generally, that they have re-opened the Store and Premises two doors from Mr. Love's Bakery, where they are ready to supply the following list of goods on hand:

Root Cakes, Walnut do., Savoy do., Sponge do., Arrowroot and Lemon Soaps, Cranberry do., Italian Jumbles, Cracknels, Queen's Drops, African and Rice do., Ginger do., Butter Crackers, Wine do., Abernethy and Soda do.

ORNAMENTAL BRIDE CAKE \$1 PER lb.
Sally Lunn Tea Cakes and Bath Buns made to order. All orders, large or small, punctually attended to.

N. B.—Fresh Candies of all kinds. 2-3m*

D. N. FLITNER

RESPECTFULLY informs the public of Honolulu that he has removed his establishment from Hotel St., to the large new fire proof brick building of Capt. Makee, (next door above Dr. Hoffmann's Drug Store,) in Kaahamau St., where he will be happy to see his friends and customers. His assortment of Watches and Jewelry has been recently largely increased by a variety of fine articles received from New York, Boston and San Francisco. He has also just received, ex ship Caro, an assortment of Charts, Aneroid Barometers, Brass Compasses, Quadrants, Mast Head Telescopes and other Nautical Instruments.

Chronometers for sale.
Honolulu, Nov. 14, 1855. 28-tf

For Sale.

2000 BBLs. OIL CASKS—Also, COOPER'S Tools, Hoop Iron, and Ricks.
Apply to J. A. BURDICK.
Oct. 12th, 1855. 23-tf

A. F. & A. M.

"LE PROGRES DE L'OCEANIE"
Lodge, F. & A. M. holds its Regular Meetings on the first Wednesday nearest the full moon of every month, at the old Lodge Room on the premises of Captain John Meek, and all visiting brethren are respectfully invited to attend.

By order of W. M. H. SEA, Secretary. 47-tf

Notice to Whale Ships.

MESSRS. BAIN & BURTT, General Merchants, Ship and Commission Agents, residing at Auckland, New Zealand, hereby respectfully tender their best services for supplying ships with stores and refreshments of every kind, for purchasing or disposing of oil, bone, &c., for cashing bills of exchange, and generally for the transaction of all other shipping and mercantile business.

For sailing directions for the port of Auckland, Messrs. Bain & Burtt, beg to refer commanders of whale ships, and other vessels to Henry J. Holdsworth, Captain of the port of Honolulu, and to the Consuls of the United States, at Lahaina, and Hilo.

Honolulu, 28 August, 1855.—17-tf.

WINE, Butter, Soda and Water CRACKERS.
For sale by 43-tf SAVIDGE & MAY.

THE BUSINESS OF COOPER hitherto carried on by Mr. C. H. Butler, will be continued at the same stand, and orders will be thankfully received and promptly executed by Mr. Norton, on the premises, or C. H. Lewers, as Assignee, who has authority to conduct the business.
Honolulu, January 27, 1857. 39-tf

NOTICE.

THE DIRECTORS of English Schools for Native children throughout the Islands, are requested to report fully, according to law, to the undersigned, in regard to schools under their care for the year 1856 inclusive; and enclose the quarterly reports of teachers, in the blanks supplied for the purpose by this Department.

R. ARMSTRONG,
Pres't Board of Education.
Department of Pub. Inst'n, Mar. 20, 1857.—46-tf

Groceries and Provisions.

SUGAR CURED HAMS, Tongues, Herrings, Mackerel, Oysters, Fresh Salmon, Lobsters, Green Corn. For sale by 43-tf SAVIDGE & MAY.

O. 1 CHINA RICE, for sale by 43-tf SAVIDGE & MAY.

ENGLISH HAMS, just received and for sale by 25-tf T. MOSSMAN & SON.

HOTEL KEEPERS' CLUB—Members are requested to attend their daily meetings at the usual place. Per order. 23-tf J. M.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS having claims against the estate of C. H. Butler, will please to present their accounts for approval, and all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment of the same to C. H. LEWERS, Assignee.
Honolulu, Jan. 27, 1857. 39-tf

CHILDRENS' HOSIERY AND SHOES of all kinds, colors and qualities for sale by 43-tf MOSSMAN & SON